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The Brady Brief - Responding to the Tragedy in Tuscon

Dear Friend,

I was devastated to learn of the horrific events that took place Saturday afternoon in Tucson, Arizona. The attempted assassination of Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the killing of six people, including a 9 year old child, is a tragedy that never should have occurred. It saddens me that this weekend, Congresswoman Giffords and her staff were simply doing their job when these appalling events occurred. There is no place for violence in a free political process, and these events demand that we engage in an exhaustive review of our security procedures to ensure our federal officials, and their families and staff are not put in harm's way.

In response, I announced that I plan to introduce legislation that would make it a federal crime to make criminal threats against Members of Congress or their staff while performing official duties. The legislation would revise Title 18, Section 871 of the U. S. Code which deals with threats against the President. Unfortunately, we live in a day and age where extreme individuals feel justified in committing heinous acts. This national tragedy should serve as much more than a wakeup call for those of us who engage in public service, and we must take appropriate action. As ranking member on the House Administration Committee, I look forward to advancing this piece of legislation and continuing to work to ensure the safety of our federal officials.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this piece of legislation please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-225-4731 or 215-389-4627.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady
Member of Congress

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